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A BRIEF

Offering the Bible in Evidence
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Twentieth Century Intelligence

vs.

Ignorance and Superstition



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“Somebody ought to tell the truth about the Bible.”—*Ingersoll*.

“The next great moral revolution of the world will be a crusade against the Christian Bible.”—*L. K. Washburn*.

“We are standing on the eve of the most stupendous revolution in reference to the doctrines of the Bible that the world has ever known.”
—*Rev. Dr. Curry*.

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INTRODUCTION

Intelligent men and women constitute the highest and last court of appeals for the consideration of all great moral issues. Today, the Christian Bible is on trial before the Twentieth Century Court of Reason. And, because of the questions involved, which are of vital interest to millions of men, women and children in every quarter of the globe, it is, without doubt, the most important case that has ever claimed the attention of the civilized world.

Hundreds of millions, professing to be Christians, are unfamiliar with the Bible. They believe the Bible is "The Inspired Word of a Personal God; Without Error or Blemish," and that it "Is the Purest and Grandest Code of Morals the World Has Ever Known." I might introduce historians, archaeologists, scientists and philosophers, to disprove these claims, but I maintain that this is unnecessary, as a careful examination of the Bible itself, by any intelligent, fair-minded and unprejudiced man or woman, cannot but result in its impeachment. Therefore, I beg leave to introduce in evidence, the Bible.

I propose to prove to all those who possess the power of coherent thinking and reasoning, that the Bible is a man-made book; that it is filled with errors and contradictions; that it does not agree with science; that it contains many absurd and impossible

stories; that it is grossly immoral, vulgar and obscene; that it makes God a fiend and has been responsible for ignorance, bigotry, intolerance, persecutions and wars in which untold millions have been slain.

The compilation of these Bible references has required years of careful study and investigation. In addition to a careful examination of the Bible, I have had access to the writings of John E. Remsburg, Hudson Tuttle, Rev. E. W. Sprague, Robert Ingersoll, D. L. Carpenter, Thomas Paine, Kersey Graves, Draper, Higgins and Taylor. I gratefully acknowledge the monumental work of these men.

In order not to violate the Postal Regulations governing the sending of objectionable matter through the mails, I have been obliged to refrain from quoting the text, in many cases, and merely refer to the book, chapter and verse where the reader can find the evidence.

With these few remarks, I submit this case for humanity, truth and justice, to the Court of Reason and Common Sense; Knowing full well what the verdict will be. The evidence is unanimous and unanswerable for the impeachment of its claim that it is the "Divine Revelation of God."

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CONTRADICTIONS

“That book is apocryphal which contains contradictions; or which contains histories, or proposes doctrines contrary to those which are known to be true; or which contains ludicrous, fabulous, trifling or silly relations; or which contains anachronisms; or wherein the style is clearly different from the known style of the author whose name it bears.”

—Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Jones.

Measured by the rule laid down by Dr. Jones, not one book of the Bible can escape the discard. The Rev. Dr. Cheever has stated that, “The Bible does not contain the shadow or a shade of error from Genesis to Revelations.” And Bunyan wrote: “Every book of it, every chapter of it, every verse of it, is the direct utterance of the Most High.” There are none so blind as those who refuse to see.

In the revision of the Authorized Version of the Bible more than one hundred thousand alterations were made. In comparing the more recent copies of the Bible with the Bibles and manuscripts of a few centuries ago, more than one hundred and fifty thousand different readings are found. There are, according to Dr. Mill, eighty thousand in the New Testament alone. Yet, if one error, one contradiction, one trifling, silly or immoral statement is found, the claim

of Cheever, Bunyan, et al., falls to the ground and the foundation is swept from beneath the Christian church. Let us examine a few of the Contradictions:

Have any seen and talked with God? No.

“Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.” John 5:37.

“No man hath seen God at any time.” I John 4:12.

Have any seen and talked with God? Yes.

“And they saw the God of Israel.” Exodus 24:10.

“And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden.” Genesis 3:8. There are many more conflicting statements upon this question.

Can any hide from the sight and presence of God? No.

“There is no darkness, nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.” Job 34:22.

Can any hide from the sight and presence of God? Yes.

“And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.” Genesis 3:8.

“And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou?” Genesis 3:9.

Does God tempt and deceive men? No.

“For God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.” James 1:13.

Does God tempt and deceive men? Yes.

“God shall send strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” I Thessalonians 2:11.

“The Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will

persuade him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets.” I Kings 22:20-23.

Will those who seek, find God?

“They shall seek me early, but shall not find me.” Proverbs 1:28.

“Those that seek me early shall find me.” Proverbs 8:17.

Are children punished for the sins of their parents?

“I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.” Exodus 20:5.

“The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son.” Ezekiel 18:20.

Should Christians hate their brother?

“Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and no murderer hath eternal life.” I John 3:15.

“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, he cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26.

Have any ascended up to heaven?

“And no man hath ascended up to heaven.” John 3:13.

“And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” II Kings 2:11.

Are there any righteous men?

“There is none righteous, no, not one.” Romans 3:10.

“And they were both righteous before God.” Luke 1:6.

Who was the father of Joseph?

“And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus.” Matthew 1:16.

“And Jesus, being the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli.” Luke 3:23.

Has anyone seen God face to face?

Yes—“And there arose not a prophet in Israel like unto

Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.” Deuteronomy 34:10.

“The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire.” Deuteronomy 5:4.

No—“No man hath seen God at any time.” John 1:18.

Was the witness true?

“I am one that bear witness of myself.” John 8:18.

“If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.” John 5:31.

Was Abraham cursed for making his own sister his wife?

“Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother.” Deuteronomy 27:22.

“And Sarah bear Abraham a son.” Genesis 20:2.

Was it God or Satan who moved David to number Israel?

“And again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go number Israel.” II Samuel 24:1.

“And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.” I Chronicles 21:1.

How did Judas kill himself?

“And he departed and went and hanged himself.” Matthew 27:5.

“Purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and his bowels gushed out.” Acts 1:18.

Some things said about the resurrection.

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.” I Corinthians 15:52.

“They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased,

they shall not rise; all their memory shall perish.” Isaiah 26:14.

“He that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.” Job 7:9.

“That which befalleth the sons of men befalleth the beast; as one dieth, so dieth the other; a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast; all go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.” Ecclesiastes 3:19, 20.

Was all scripture given by inspiration?

“All scripture is given by inspiration.” II Timothy 3:16.

“That which I speak, I speak not after the Lord.” II Corinthians 11:17.

Did the men with Paul hear the voice?

“And the men stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.” Acts 9:7.

“But they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.” Acts 22:9.

Did Michal, Saul’s daughter have any children?

“Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.” II Samuel 6:23.

“The five sons of Michal, the daughter of Saul.” II Samuel 21:8.

Is lying justified by the Bible?

“All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.” Revelations 21:8.

“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.” Proverbs 12:22.

“If the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie, why am I judged a sinner?” Romans 3:7.

“The Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets.” II Chronicles 18:22.

Is life of the wicked shortened?

“The years of the wicked shall be shortened.” Proverbs 10:27.

“Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yes, are mighty in power? Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.” Job 21:7, 9.

How long shall God’s anger last?

“His anger endureth but a moment.” Psalms 30:5.

“Ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn forever.” Jeremiah 17:4.

Can God be tempted?

“And have tempted me now these ten times.” Numbers 14:22.

“God cannot be tempted.” James 1:13.

Is God omnipotent?

“With God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26.

“He drove out the inhabitants of the mountain, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.” Judges 1:19.

Was it a man, or God, who wrestled with Jacob?

“And there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.” Genesis 32:24.

“I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.” Genesis 32:30.

Were the disciples glad, or frightened?

“But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.” Luke 24:37.

“Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.” John 20:20.

Was Jesus God or man?

“God was manifest in the flesh, received up into glory.” I Timothy 3:16.

“A man approved of God among you.” Acts 2:22.

Was God satisfied with his work?

“God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31.

“And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” Genesis 6:6.

Did Moses see and hear God?

“And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.” Exodus 33:11.

“No man hath seen God at any time.” John 1:18.

Does God require rest?

“On the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.” Exodus 31:17.

“The everlasting God, the Lord, fainteth not, neither is weary.” Isaiah 40:28.

Is God changeable?

“It repented the Lord that he had made man.” Genesis 6:6.

“I am the Lord, I change not.” Malachi 3:6.

Is God just or unjust, impartial or partial?

“A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” Deuteronomy 32:4.

“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 8:12.

Is God the author of evil?

“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.” Isaiah 45:7.

“God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.” I Corinthians 14:33.

Is God merciful, or unmerciful?

“The Lord is a man of war.” Exodus 15:3.

“Now the God of peace be with you.” Romans 15:33.

“I will dash them one against the other, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the Lord: I will have no pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.” Jeremiah 13:14.

Does God delight in burnt offerings?

“Thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering.”
Exodus 29:36.

“A bullock or a sheep shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the Lord.” Leviticus 22:27.

“Ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.” Leviticus 23:27.

“An offering made by fire—a sweet savor unto the Lord.”
Leviticus 1:9.

“Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.” Jeremiah 6:20.

“Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me.” Isaiah 1:13.

How many children had Arah?

“The children of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five.”
Ezra 2:5.

“The children of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two.”
Nehemiah 7:10.

Which is correct?

“The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.”
Nehemiah 7:11.

“The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.”
Ezra 2:6.

How many were the children of Zattu?

“The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.”
Ezra 2:8.

“The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.”
Nehemiah 7:13.

A slight error here.

“The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.”
Ezra 2:10.

“The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.”
Nehemiah 7:15.

Another mistake in the inspires count.

“The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.”
Ezra 2:11.

“The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.”
Nehemiah 7:16.

Off in the count again.

The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.” Ezra 2:12.

“The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.” Nehemiah 7:17.

Ezra must have discharged some of the choir.

“They had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.” Nehemiah 7:67.

“There were two hundred singing men and singing women.” Ezra 2:65.

I could refer the reader to hundreds of contradictions of this kind, to prove that God had a poor memory, or had never learned the science of addition. However, this is sufficient to compare in applying the rule laid down by Rev. Dr. Jones.

When was Jesus born? A difference of at least nine years.

“Now Jesus was born in the days of Herod the king.”
Matthew 2:1.

“This taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.” Luke 2:2.

For the benefit of those who desire further proof that the Bible is not a perfect book, and the Bunyan, et al., do not know what they are talking about when they claim that it is without error or blemish, I will

refer to a few more contradictions, by naming the book, chapter and verse in which they can be found.

Was he born in a house or in a manger? Compare Matthew 2:11 with Luke 2:16.

What was done with him? Compare Matthew 2:14, 15 with Luke 2:22-39.

Name the twelve apostles. Compare Matthew 10:2, 3, 4 with Luke 6:13, 14, 15, 16.

Whom did Jesus call? Compare Matthew 9:9 with Luke 5:27.

Were they to carry staves? Compare Mark 6:8 with Luke 9:3.

Was Jesus a carpenter, or a carpenter's son? Compare Mark 6:3 with Matthew 13:55.

How many were possessed with devils? Compare Mark 5:2 with Matthew 8:28.

How many blind men were there? Compare Luke 18:35 with Matthew 20:30.

How many times was the cock to crow? Compare Matthew 26:34 with Mark 14:30.

Was it scarlet or purple? Compare Matthew 26:28 with John 19:2.

Was Jesus crucified at noon, or at nine o'clock, A. M.? Compare Mark 15:25 with John 19:14.

What did they give him to drink? Compare Matthew 27:34 with Mark 15:23.

Was it one, or two thieves, that reviled him? Compare Mark 15:32 with Luke 23:39, 40.

What was inscribed on the cross? Compare Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; Matthew 27:37; John 19:19.

Was it lawful for the Jews to put a man to death? Compare John 18:31 with John 19:7.

Who visited the sepulchre? Compare John 20:1; Matthew 28:1; Luke 24:1-10.

What time did they visit the tomb? Compare Mark 16:2 with John 20:1.

Where did he first appear to his disciples? Compare Matthew 28: 10-17 with Luke 24: 33-36.

Did they stand or fall? Compare Acts 9:7 with Acts 26:14.

Paul denies an account in Acts. Compare Acts 9:20, 27, 28 with Galatians 1:16-19.

Was Paul an apostle to the Gentiles? Compare Romans 11:13, 15:16; Acts 9:20-22, 13:5, 14, 43. 14:1, 17:1, 2, 10; 18:4, 19; 28:17. It would appear from these texts, that Paul was almost continuously preaching to the Jews.

Paul states that his mission was to the Gentiles and that Peter was the apostle to the Jews. Peter, however, denies this. Compare Galatians 2:7 with Acts 15:7.

Faith and works, involve Paul and James in an argument. Compare Galatians 2:16-21; Romans 3:28 with James 2:20-26.

Does Paul and Peter agree with the four Gospels on the question of Jesus' Godhood? Read I Timothy 2:5 and Acts 2:22.

The four Gospels teach a physical resurrection; what does Paul say? Read I Corinthians 15:44-50.

Immorality is affirmed and denied by Paul. Compare Romans 2:7; I Corinthians 15:53 with I Timothy 6:15, 16.

Does the era of "faith" destroy the "law"? Compare Matthew 5:17, 18 with Galatians, 3:24, 25; Romans 7:6.

Not found in the recorded sayings of Jesus—Where did Paul get it? "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Paul's quotation in I Corinthians 2:9 cannot be found in the Bible.

How did Jesus meet his death? Peter makes no mention of the cross or crucifixion. Read I Peter 2:24; Acts 5:30, 10:38, 39.

All Bible scholars admit I John 5:7 is a forgery; yet, the church relies upon it as their chief support of the doctrine of the Trinity. Historians know the trinity was borrowed from Egyptian mythology. From the same source they borrow Isis the mother, and Horus the son.

Critics agree that John calls Paul a liar. Revelations 2:2.

What kind of a rock was Peter? Read Matthew 26:69, 70, 72, 74; Matthew 16:18; Galatians 2:11-14; II Corinthians 12:16.

"The briefest expose of the Bible would require a larger volume than the Bible itself."—Remsburg.

Christians accept as authoritative, both the Hebrew and Septuagint versions of the Pentateuch, but they contain almost innumeral contradictions. A com-

parison of Genesis, 11:12-31 should convince any honest investigator of this fact.

Which account of the creation, if any, does the reader prefer to believe? There are two accounts. Read Genesis 1:1-31 and 2:1-3 for the first account; and Genesis 2:4-23 contains the second account. Science proves both stories are false.

The patriarchal history contained in the Pentateuch, is incredible and contradictory. A study of the fifth chapter of Genesis reveals the following interesting fables: Twelve generations of these patriarchs were living at the same time. When Adam died, Noah's father was fifty-six years old. Noah's father was still living when Abraham was fifty-six years old. Abraham was an old man when Noah died. Methuselah was still living at the end of the flood.

Was it a pair, or seven of each kind, Noah took into the ark? Compare Genesis 6:19-22 with Genesis 7:1-5.

Whose son was Selah? Compare Genesis 10:24, (Septugaint Version) 10:24; I Chronicles 1:18 with Luke 3:35, 36.

Was it Pharaoh, or Abimelech, that took Sarah? Compare Genesis 20:2, 17, 18 with Genesis 12:15-20. Too vile to quote.

How old was Abram when he went into the land of Canaan? Compare Genesis 12:4, 5; 11:26-32; Acts 7:4; shows a discrepancy of sixty years.

How many of the house of Jacob went into Egypt? "All the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were three score and ten." Genesis 46:27.

“Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, three score and fifteen souls.” Acts 7:14.

Were they Midianites or Ishmaelites? Compare Genesis 37:28 with Genesis 39:1.

An increase from 12 to 3,000,000 in four generations. Compare Genesis 35:22, 23 with Exodus 6:16-20 and Exodus 12:37.

Did Jesse have seven, or eight sons? Compare I Chronicles 2:13-15 with I Samuel 16:10-12.

Who gave David the Shewbread? Compare I Samuel 21:1-6 with Mark 2:25, 26.

Which was father and which was son? Compare I Samuel 23:6 with II Samuel 8:17.

How many sons had David in Jerusalem? Compare II Samuel 5:13-16 with I Chronicles 14:3-7.

How many horsemen did he take? A difference of 6,300. Compare II Samuel 8:4 with I Chronicles 18:4.

Were they horsemen or footmen he slew? Compare II Samuel 10:18 with I Chronicles 19:18.

How many warriors had Israel and Judah? Compare II Samuel 24:9 with I Chronicles 21:5.

How many years of famine did David suffer? Compare I Chronicles 21:11, 12 with II Samuel 24:13.

What did the thrashing floor cost? \$26.50, or \$3,414? Compare II Samuel 24:18-24 with I Chronicles 21:18-25.

How many overseers at the building of the temple? Compare I Kings 5:15, 16 with II Chronicles 2:18. Solomon's temple is a myth.

How high were the pillars? Compare II Chronicles 3:15-17 with I Kings 7:15-21.

How many baths did it contain? Compare I Kings 7:26 with II Chronicles 4:5. Wonderful equipment for an “air castle.”

How many stalls for his horses? Compare II Chronicles 9:25 with I Kings 4:26. Stalls for his wives and concubines must have required considerable space too.

When did Jehoshaphat die? I and II Kings give sixteen answers to this historic question and no two of them are the same. They vary from eighteen years before the death of Ahazah, to sixteen years after. Still we hear that the Bible is “Infallible.”

Only a few of the many contradictions have been given. However, if this list is not sufficient to prove my claim, that the Bible is a man-made and a very imperfect book, no amount of evidence would overcome such obstinacy and stupidity.

Let me submit, for your consideration, a composite picture and description of the Bible God. The following Bible texts, clearly reveal the anthropomorphic conception of deity which prevailed at that time; and which, to a very large degree, is adhered to by the Christians of today:

“God created man in his own *image*.” Gen. 1:27.

“The *hair* of his (God’s) head.” Dan. 7:9.

“Thou canst not see my (God’s) *face*.” Ex. 33:20.

“The *eyes* of the Lord.” II Chron. 16:9.

“And his (God’s) *ears* are open.” I Peter 3:12.
 “There is smoke in my (God’s) *nose*.” Is. 65:5.
 “There went up smoke out of his (God’s) *nostrils*.” II Sam. 22:9.
 “Proceedeth out of the *mouth* of God.” Matt. 4:4.
 “His *lips* are full of indignation.” Is. 30:27.
 “And his (God’s) *tongue* as a devouring fire.” Is. 30:27.
 “He shall dwell between his (God’s) *shoulders*.” Deut. 33:12.
 “Thou (God) hast a mighty *arm*.” Ps. 89:13.
 “The right *hand* of the Lord.” Ps. 118:16.
 “This is the *finger* of God.” Ex. 8:19.
 “I (God) will show them the *back*.” Jer. 18:17.
 “Out of thy (God’s) *bosom*.” Ps. 74:11.
 “My (God’s) *heart* maketh a noise in me.” Jer. 4:19.
 “My (God’s) *bowels* are troubled.” Jer. 31:20.
 “The appearance of his (God’s) *loins*.” Ezek. 1:27.
 “Darkness was under his (God’s) *feet*.” Ps. 18:9.
 “The *mind* of the Lord.” Lev. 24:12.
 “The *breath* of his (God’s) *nostrils*.” II Sam. 22:16.
 “In the light of thy (God’s) *countenance*.” Ps. 89:15.
 “Thou (God) *seest* me.” Gen. 16:13.
 “My God will *hear* me.” Mic. 7:7.
 “The Lord *smelled* a sweet savor.” Gen. 8:21.
 “The *hand* of God hath touched me.” Job 19:21.
 “We have heard his (God’s) *voice*.” Deut. 5:24.
 “God doth *talk* with man.” Deut. 5:24.
 “The Lord shall *laugh* at him.” Ps. 37:13.
 “Now will I (God) *cry*.” Is. 42:14.
 “He (God) shall give a *shout*.” Jer. 25:30.
 “Why *sleepest* thou Lord?” Ps. 44:23.
 “Then the Lord *awakened*.” Ps. 78:65.
 “God *sitteth* upon a throne.” Ps. 47:8.
 “God *raiseth* up.” Job 31:14.
 “The Lord *stood* by him.” Acts 23:11.

"I (God) will *walk* among you." Lev. 26:12.
 "Thou (God) didst *ride* upon thine horses." Hab. 3:8.
 "He (God) *wrestled* with him." Gen. 32:25.
 "The Lord will *work*." I Sam. 14:6.
 "I (God) am *weary*." Is. 1:14.
 "He (God) *rested* on the seventh day." Gen. 2:2.
 "The Lord God *planted* a garden." Gen. 2:8.
 "God is able to *graft*." Romans 11:25.
 "The Father is the *husbandman*." John 15:1.
 "He (God) hath *fenced* up my way." Job 19:8.
 "The Lord is my *shepherd*." Ps. 23:1.
 "The Lord *built* the house." Ps. 127:1.
 "The *tables* were the work of God." Ex. 32:16.
 "Thou (God) our *potter*." Is. 64:8.
 "The Lord God *made coats of skin*." Gen. 3:21.
 "And I (God) *shod* thee with badger's skin." Ezek. 16:10.
 "The Lord *shaved* with a razor that was hired." Is. 7:20.
 "And he (God) *buried* him." Deut. 34:6.
 "Thy God *teacheth* thee." Is. 48:17.
 "*Musical instruments* of God." I Chron. 16:42.
 "He (God) *wrote* upon the tables." Ex. 34:28.
 "Thy book which thou (God) hast *written*." Ex. 32:32.
 "O Lord, I have heard thy *speech*." Hab. 3:2.
 "The Lord is our *lawgiver*." Is. 33:22.
 "The Lord is our *Judge*." Is. 33:22.
 "For God is the *king* of all the earth." Ps. 47:7.
 "He (God) is the *governor*." Ps. 22:28.
 "God himself is our *captain*." II Chron. 13:12.
 "The Lord is a *man of war*." Ex. 15:3.
 "The Lord hath opened his *armory*." Jer. 50:25.
 "The Lord shall *blow* the trumpet." Zech. 9:14.
 "I (God) myself will *fight*." Jer. 21:5.
 "He (God) will *whet* his sword." Ps. 7:12.
 "He (God) hath *bent* his bow." Lam. 2:4.
 "God shall *shoot* at them." Ps. 64:7.
 "*Rocks* are *thrown* down by him (God)." Nahum 1:6.

"I (God) will *kill* you." Ex. 22:24.
 "Thou (God) art become *cruel* to me." Job 30:21.
 "I (God) *sware* in my wrath." Ps. 95:11.
 "I (God) have *cursed* them already." Mal. 2:2.
 "Thy God hath *blessed* thee." Deut. 2:7.
 "The Lord *repented*." Amos 7:6.
 "God did *tempt* Abraham." Gen. 22:1.
 "O, Lord, thou hast *deceived* me." Jer. 20:7.
 "He (God) hath *polluted* the kingdom." Lam. 2:2.
 "He (God) is mighty in *strength*." Job 9:4.
 "I (God) was a *husband*." Jer. 31:32.
 "The *only begotten* of the Father." John 1:14.
 "The *sons* of God *saw* the daughters of men." Gen. 6:2.
 "The *love* that God hath." I John 4:16.
 "These six things doth the Lord *hate*." Prov. 6:16.
 "The *joy* of the Lord." Neh. 8:10.
 "It *grieved* him (God) at his *heart*." Gen. 6:6.
 "The Lord *pitieth* them that fear him." Ps. 103:13.
 "I (God) *feared* the wrath of the enemy." Deut. 32:27.
 "The Lord is a *jealous* God." Ex. 34:14.
 "The fierce *anger* of the Lord." Num. 25:4.
 "With the Lord there is *mercy*." Ps. 130:7.
 "*Vengeance* is mine . . . saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19.

If the readers of the above word picture of the Bible God, pieced together from that "Inspired" (?) book, fail to get a laugh out of it, they must be devoid of all sense of humor.

In all my reading, which has been considerable, I have never found anything, in any language, to compare with the Bible in self-contradictions, false histories, unscientific, ludicrous, fabulous, trifling and silly stories. It has "Jack and the Bean Stalk" badly beaten; and "Arabian Nights" are completely out-classed.

SOME ABSURD STORIES

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void.” Genesis 1:1, 2. How could the earth be without form, or be void? Read the first and second chapters of Genesis. Read it as you should any book; use your reason, your thinking faculties, and see how absolutely absurd and ridiculous the story of creation appears.

According to the Bible, the earth, sun and stars are but six thousand years old. Science has proven this claim to be false. Driven from their old position, theologians have said that each day of the creation period was a thousand years, but that will not clear up the discrepancy, by several hundred million years. Then, too, who ever knew of “grass and trees” growing without the light of sun?

The method God used in creating woman, is most interesting. From the fact that so many men believe this story, I am inclined to think there must have been a mistranslation. It should read: “The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he took out his *back-bone* and made a woman of it.” Perhaps, this is the reason the church has fought so hard to keep women from speaking “without their husbands consent.”—The secret might leak out. There must have been another “deep sleep” and a surgical opera-

tion in the "Land of Nod," for it was there that Cain "found his wife."

The excuse, offered by our Christian friends, for believing the absurd story of the "fall of man," and for opposing the theory of evolution, is the fact that, to deny this Babylonian fable, would destroy the dogma of the atonement.

The story of the "talking snake," found in the third chapter of Genesis, makes God out a liar. According to the Bible, Adam did not die the day he ate of the "forbidden fruit," but lived to be a very old man.

No one with an ounce of gray matter and the energy to use it, can believe the story of the flood, found in the sixth, seventh and eighth chapters of Genesis.

THE QUAIL STORY

The sixteenth chapter of Exodus relates the story of manna and quails. This story presents many interesting features. If the reader will use a pencil and paper, and try a few simple problems in arithmetic, he will find it very convincing.

"There went forth a strong wind from the Lord and brought quails from the sea." Must have exhausted the supply to feed the "Wandering Jew," as, "sea" quails have not been seen since the days of Moses. The first edition of the story went like "hot cakes" and the authors had to publish another to supply the demand for religious fiction. Bible lies still head the list of "Best sellers." And those who *buy* are badly *sold*.

Now let us turn to the eleventh chapter of Numbers, 31st verse: "And let them fall by the camp, as it were, a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers." What a useless waste of fresh meat in a country, where it is so hot, it is said, "When a man dies, they have to bury blankets with him to keep him warm in the next world."

The Lord commanded that quails should be eaten for a month, and "Until they came out of their nostrils." The supply was great, "He that gathered least, gathered" eighty bushels. A circle, sixty-six miles across, was covered to a depth of three feet, seven inches. Loaded on freight trains, moving at fifteen miles an hour, it would require thirty-two years for this supply of quails to pass a given point. The trains required to move the game, would circle the earth at the equator, eight times.

But the Lord "repented" again: "And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague." But you must believe this story; if you do not, you are an infidel.

BALAAM'S ASS

Numbers 22:20-30, contains another interesting fable. We have already referred to the talking "snake" in the Garden of Eden, but we find here, the story of a talking "ass." The Bible is silent as to the name of this ass; but, as history records the names of many talking asses, and, as the country is full of them today, I do not question the possibility of the genuineness of the phenomenon in Balaam's day. Notable examples of Asanine Verbosity, are those loquacious asses who believe and teach the silly and absurd stories of the Bible. It is this class who deny the theory of evolution; who advocate the lining up against a stone wall, before a firing squad, all evolutionists and scientists who believe in Nature's unvarying laws, and who deny the existence or intervention of the Bible God. The church tells you to "believe, or be damned." I answer, "I'll be 'damned' if I do."

JONAH AND THE WHALE

Jonah's experience has never been duplicated by disciples of Isaak Walton. His remarkable encounter with a whale, is a "whale" of a story. The account is found in the first and second chapter of Jonah. As most homes are provided with a copy of the Bible, it is not necessary to repeat the story here. If the reader does not happen to have a Bible, he can find one in any first class hotel, as the Gideon Society has made it possible for all weary travelers to have a little fiction to read before retiring. The chambermaids keep these Bibles dusted and placed at the convenience of

the guests, but I have never found any of these Bibles which show the slightest evidence of having been used.

I have never found but one man, not a Christian, who believed it was possible for Jonah to have been swallowed by a whale, and after three days delivered, safe and well, upon dry ground. This man, a sea captain, said there was a time when he did not believe the story. But while on a voyage around the Horn, some years ago, he had as passengers on his boat, an old man and his grand-son. They were passionately fond of each other. The grand-father died on the Atlantic as they neared the Horn, and it was necessary to bury the body at sea. Not having any shot to weight the body with, a grind stone, some gas pipe and a hoop was attached to the canvas bag. No sooner had the body been lowered into the sea, when the young man plunged over board and was thought to have drowned.

A few days later, while sailing up the Pacific coast, the sailors caught a large shark. The fish was hauled aboard and opened. Much to the surprise of all, they found that the fish had swallowed both men. They had mounted the grindstone on the gas pipe and were sharpening the hoop to cut their way out to liberty. "Since then," said the old salt, with an oath, "I have believed the story of Jonah and the whale."

The story by the captain, is as reasonable as the one told by Jonah, and I know both stories are fables. There may be some true history in the Bible; but,

“The truth itself, is not believed, from one who often has deceived.”

EXPLOITS OF SAMSON

If Samuel wrote the biography of Samson, he should be awarded first prize as the champion liar. Although, there are many close competitors who had a hand in the authorship of the Bible.

For a full account of the doings of this man of mighty strength, the reader is referred to the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth chapters of Judges.

Parts of this story, like many others found in the Bible, are so obscene, particularly the introduction, beginning with the second verse of the thirteenth chapter, and the manner in which the answer to his riddle was made known to the young men, as stated in the fourteenth chapter and eighteenth verse, that I must omit them in reviewing the exploits of this “mighty man of God.”

Samson’s birth was foretold by an angel; there were a number of impossible things happened; he was proclaimed as a deliverer of Israel, and when he was born, “The child grew and the Lord blessed him.”

In the course of events he set out to obtain a wife from among the Philistines. Near the vineyards a young lion roared and the “spirit of the Lord came upon him and he rent the lion as he would a kid.” In passing the place of this encounter sometime afterward, he discovered that a swarm of bees were living in the carcass—something bees never do. This fur-

nishes a subject for a riddle and he makes a wager that it cannot be solved. But when he loses the bet, the “spirit of the Lord came upon him” and he murders thirty men to pay the wager—“thirty sets of raiments.”

After this transaction, his father-in-law takes his wife from him. Samson flies into a rage, and catching three hundred foxes, sets fire to their tails and set them loose in the corn, vineyards and olive trees, destroying all. When the Philistines learned the cause of this act they burned Samson’s wife and her father “with fire.”

Samson swears vengeance on the Philistines, “And he smote them hip and thigh with great slaughter.” Then he went to dwell on the top of a rock in Etam. Now war commences in earnest. Three thousand attack him, but the spirit of the Lord came upon him and he slew a thousand men with a “new jawbone of an ass.” After the lone hero of this battle had cast away the jawbone he was thirsty and thought he would die, but “the Lord clave a hollow in the jawbone” and water came out to quench Samson’s thirst, “and his spirit was revived.”

He then visited a harlot in Gaza; told her that his strength was in his hair. Delilah put him to sleep on her knee, shaved off the long curls of this “Nazerite,” and her friends put out his eyes and cast him in prison. This story is very much like a page from the Police Gazette.

But the Lord was still his friend. And when three thousand men and women had him brought into the house to make sport for them, he called upon the Lord to give his strength back. His request was granted and he pulled down the two main pillars, causing the house to fall, killing three thousand people. Nice story, isn't it?

JOSHUA

The book of Joshua abounds with interesting fabrications. The taking of Jericho, an account of which appears in the sixth chapter, deserves attention.

Jericho, a walled city, was besieged by the children of Israel. "Joshua called the priests, and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord. The seven priests passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets." They marched around the city once and returned to camp. Not a word was spoken. This was repeated for seven days, and on the seventh day the city was "Compassed seven times." Then the people shouted and "The walls fell down flat, and they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, men and women, old and young, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword." No, they did not destroy all—"Only Rahab the harlot shall live." Easy victory.

One more reference to this miracle worker of the Lord. In the tenth chapter, beginning with the twelfth verse we read: "Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites be-

fore the children of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. The sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves. So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it.”

“All things are possible with the Lord,” saith the priests of Christendom. But thinking men and women, know these stories are pious lies. Belief in the supernatural, has been responsible for religious hysteria, intollerance, and horrible persecutions.

King Jehoram had seven sons and the youngest was two years older than his father. II Chronicles 21:20; 22:1, 2.

The Lord sent hornets to drive out the Hittites, Hivites and Canaanites. Exodus 23:28.

The Lord shaved with a razor that was hired. Isaiah 7:20.

Aaron and his sons were consecrated by touching the tip of their right ear, the thumb of the right hand and the great toe of the right foot with the blood of a ram. Leviticus 8:22, 23, 24. If they had known how to write, I suppose they would have “signed their names in blood,” following this interesting initiation into the secret order of the Lord.

Gideon destroyed the army of the Midianites by an unusual bit of strategy—three hundred men armed with trumpets, pitchers and lamps. Judges 7:16-25.

Job was a perfect man, upright before the Lord, but because of an argument the Lord had with the devil, he “sorely afflicted” the innocent man. And ignorant people have been “afflicted” with the story, for more than two thousand years. Read Job, first and second chapter.

The story of the life of Jesus, is a “crazy-patch” work, made up of fables, myths, and purloined stories of other so-called holy men, who lived ages before the Christian era. Most people are familiar with the New Testament, and it is not necessary to repeat the unnatural and unbelievable stories here. Those who have the courage to investigate for themselves, should read, “The Christ,” by Remsburg and “Sixteen Crucified Saviors,” by Kersey Graves. “Science and Religion,” by Prof. John Draper, is another book all lovers of truth should read.

JOHN’S NIGHTMARE

If there ever was a psychopath, the author of Revelations was one. He “saw things.” At least he tells us he did. No man in pre-Volstead days, ever saw the equal of it.

In the fourth chapter, he speaks of the throne in heaven, twenty-four seats, twenty-four elders, white robes and gold crowns. Out of the throne proceeded lightnings, and thunderings and voices. Before the throne was a sea of glass, and around the throne were four beasts, full of eyes, before and behind. One was like a lion, another like a calf, another like a man

and the fourth was like a flying eagle. They each had six wings and they were full of eyes within, and they rested neither day nor night, saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty." An artist would be a wonder who could paint an accurate picture of these "beasts." Revelations 4:4-8.

In the midst of the elders stood a lamb having seven horns and seven eyes. They were some sort of "trained animals." The lamb opened a seal and he saw a white horse; when the second seal was opened he saw a red horse; the third seal disclosed a black horse. Then he heard a voice saying, "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny," and "See that thou hurt not the oil and wine." Ah, the secret is out. "Wine."

Then the fourth seal was broken and he saw a pale horse. And that is a "horse" on John. The opening of the fifth seal revealed, under the altar, "The souls of them that were slain for the word of God, whose robes were white, having been washed in the blood of the lamb." Color blindness is a strange affliction. Religious fanatics keep the "Fountains filled with blood." Francis on St. Bartholomew's night, Alve in the Lowlands, Tilla at Magdenburg, the Covenanters at Phillipspaugh, Cromwell at Drogheda, the Anabaptists of Munster and William the Second, reflect the fields of Moab; and each have found their authority in the un-"Holy" Bible.

When the sixth seal was broken there was a great earthquake. Someone was careless in opening that

bottle. The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon turned red like blood. And the stars of heaven fell upon the earth. The cork must have hit poor John in the eye.

The heavens departed as a scroll, and every mountain and island was moved out of their places. Then “everybody hid themselves in dens, to hide themselves from Him that sitteth upon the throne and from the wrath of the lamb.” Must have been a “rough house” and some rowdy shot out the lights.

In the seventh chapter John gives us some interesting information on the science of geography and astronomy. He tells us that four angels stood on the “four corners of the earth holding the four winds that they shall not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.” I never found the earth square, but perhaps it may become so, some day, when religious ignorance and bigotry is overcome. But that “seal” has not yet been broken. When I was living out in Kansas, I had reason to believe that some of John’s angels, who were to “hold the winds,” had left their post of duty.

He tells us there was no night there. They had no need of the sun, nor of a candle. Yet, everybody, animals included, “served Him day and night.”

“There came out of the smoke, locusts, which were given great power. The shape of the locusts was like unto horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of gold; their faces were like the faces of men, and their hair was like the hair of women, and their

teeth like the teeth of a lion. They had breast-plates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like chariots and many horses running to battle." O, what a sight. They had "tails like scorpions," and there were "stings in their tails." Some locusts.

He saw horses with lions' heads; brimstone, fire and smoke came out of their mouths; their tails were like serpents and had heads. What a "double header!" Could "catch 'em, comin' an goin'."

The story of the great red dragon, in the twelfth chapter, is just as reasonable. There are millions of people who swallow it all, line, hook, sinker and bobber. Ask them what it all means, and they will usually say: "There are the hidden things of God." Some, however have it all "doped" out, but I have never learned what kind of "dope" they use. It must be a hypnotic potion administered by the "Doctors of Divinity." Those who administer such narcotics should be barred from further practice.

THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE

“There is a beautiful harmony between the principles of science and the teachings of the Bible.”—Rev. Dr. Cheever.

Let the Bible prove that Dr. Cheever is wrong.

ASTRONOMY

“God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was without form and void; darkness was upon the face of the deep. And God said let there be light: and there was light. God divided the light from the darkness. And He called the light Day, and the darkness Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”

“And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.” Genesis 1:2, 3, 16, 17.

It appears from the above that the earth was created before the sun, moon and stars. And that there was light and darkness, day and night before the sun and moon were “set in the firmament.”

“Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still and the moon stayed. The sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a

whole day.” Joshua 10:12, 13. Does this agree with Astronomy?

“And the Lord will do this thing he hath spoken: Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.”

I would not recommend that persons afflicted with a weak heart, read the above. Too hearty laughing might prove a serious matter for their health.

GEOLOGY

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit: and it was so. (Before the sun was created.) And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life, and the fowl that fly above the earth. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping things, and the beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” Genesis 1:1, 11, 20, 24, 26.

All this and much more in less than a week. No wonder God had to rest on the seventh day. Geology taught that millions of years had passed, in the history of the earth, before vegetables and animal life appeared.

“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.” Exodus, 20:11.

GEOGRAPHY

“The world shall be stable, that it be not moved.”
II Chronicles 16:30.

“Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever.” Psalms, 104:5.

“For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and he hath set the world upon them.” I Samuel 2:8.

“I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.” Revelations 7:1.

“The devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world.” Matthew 4:8.

“And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison, which compasseth the whole of the land of Havilah, where there is gold. The name of the second river is Gihon, it compasseth the whole of Ethiopia. The name of the third river is Hiddekel: which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.” Genesis 2:10, 11, 13, 14.

“A city of Samaria, which is called Sychar.” (No city by that name.) John 4:5.

“These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.” (Bethabara is a suburb of Jerusalem, is not beyond Jordan.) John 1:28.

“The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee.” (Bethsaida is in Perea.) John 12:21.

These are just a few quotations to prove that God did not know very much about geography.

BOTANY

It would appear from Genesis 1:12, 13, 16, 19 that vegetation did very well in those days without the light and heat of the sun.

“Because thou has hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, Saying thou shalt not eat of it; cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.” Genesis 3:17.

“Thorns also thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field.” Genesis 3:18.

“He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengthened for himself among the trees of the forest: He planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.” Isaiah 44:14.

In Genesis 30:37 the Bible calls the hazel, a tree.

“And the chestnut trees.” (Chestnut trees never grew there.) Ezekiel 31:8.

“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” (If it dies there would be no crop.) John 12:24.

ZOOLOGY

“And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him, into the ark. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and fowls, and of everything that creepeth upon the earth. There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark.” (Noah must have been a fiend for fresh air, one small window was the only ventilation.) Genesis 7:7, 8, 9.

“Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven footed, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.” Leviticus 11:3.

The coney and hare chew the cud, but they are not cloven footed; therefore, they were unclean. The camel chews the cud and is cloven footed, but it was unclean. God gives a lot of interesting advice in this chapter.

“And the Lord said unto the serpent, “Upon thy belly thou shalt go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.” (How did it navigate before—does it eat dust?) Genesis 3:14.

In the foregoing pages I have referred to the talking snake and the talking ass.

ETHNOLOGY

“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them.” Genesis 6:4. (I wonder how many sons of God there were?)

“And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.” Genesis 5:5. (People did not live as long in ancient times as they do today.)

“And the whole earth was of one language and one speech.” The Lord came down to see how the people were getting along with a certain city and a great tower, and found too much progress was made, so he confused their tongues, mixed them all up. Since that time we have had Virginia English, New England English and Texas English. Read Genesis 11:1-10.

However, it appears from the tenth chapter of Genesis, fifth verse, that there were other tongues before the building of the tower of Babel. The twentieth and thirty-first verse, support this fact.

PHYSIOLOGY

It required but seven months and three days for the earth to dry, after the mighty flood which “covered all the hills and mountains under the heavens.” There was so much water that “all the fish died.” The average evaporation of water is five thousand gallons daily, per acre. Get your pencil out again and see if a Rocky Mountain goat could “find rest for the sole of his foot today, at the normal rate of evaporation.” It speaks badly for our day of knowledge and common sense, when we find so many people who claim they can swallow the flood and eat the ark at one sitting.

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow,” (deleted). Genesis 3:16.

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise,” (deleted). Matthew 1:18.

“And all the first born males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.” Numbers 3:43. (128 children to each mother—figure it out for yourself.)

CHEMISTRY

“And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.” Exodus 7:20.

“But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” Genesis 19:26.

“And he took the calf (golden calf) which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink it.” Exodus 32:20.

PHYSICS

“I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud.” Genesis 9:13, 14.

“And I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all

flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.” Genesis 9:15.

“And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.” Exodus 14:21, 22.

“And they said, Go to, let us build a tower whose top may reach unto heaven.” Genesis 11:4.

MATHEMATICS

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” I John 5:7. (Servitus was burned at the stake because he could not understand this problem in arithmetic.)

“All the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.” Matthew 1:17.

“The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore.” Ezra 2:64. (Ezra misses his guess by 12,542.)

PROPHECIES

Bible prophets were poor guessers. However, we must admit that they described, with some degree of accuracy, a number of historic events, *after* they had

transpired. They were a jealous lot, a sort of seer trust. They told fortunes and divined for “sheckles,” “talents,” etc. If an independent medium started up shop, they were accused of having “familiar spirits,” and ordered “stoned” or “burned.”

“Babylon shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation: wild beast of the desert shall lie there,” etc. Isaiah 13:19-22. (Not fulfilled.)

“Behold, Damascus, it is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.” Isaiah 17:1. (Still a flourishing city.)

“Thus saith the Lord, I will bring Tyrus Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen, and with companies, and much people. He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field,” etc., etc. Ezekiel 17:7-14. (Not fulfilled.)

“I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate.” Ezekiel 29:10-12. (Not fulfilled as were hundreds such prophecies.)

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword.” Amos 7:11. (Not fulfilled.) II Kings 14:27-29, completely disagrees with Amos.

“As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another.” Luke 21:6. (This prophecy was written at least a hundred years after the destruction of Jerusalem.)

“In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,” etc. Mark 13:23-26. (A false prophecy.)

If I should give space to all the false prophecies, and those recorded hundreds of years after events referred to had transpired, it would require a volume to set it down.

MIRACLES

Belief in the supernatural keeps religion alive, supports the clergy and plucks the pockets of honest, but ignorant people, of billions of dollars annually. The church sings: “Salvation is free,” but we know it is a most gigantic graft and swindle.

Miracles have never occurred. There is an unvarying law of Nature, which is responsible for every manifestation, or phenomenon, both physical and mental. Obedience to this law will enable each one to be his own savior. Science and liberal education is pointing the way, but the church tries to barricade the way with crosses, snakes and devils of mythology.

“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took out one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh, and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman.” Genesis 2:21, 22.

Genesis 7:11-20 gives an account of the flood.

Genesis 30:37-39 is an explanation of how Jacob cheated his father-in-law out of his cattle by use of the peeled-stick hocus pocus.

Exodus 14:21, 22 gives the scientific methods used

to divide the waters of the sea to enable the children of Israel to cross on "dry land."

Numbers 11:31 describes the tidal-wave of "sea quails."

"And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses fled from it." Exodus 4:2, 3. For other good snake stories, read Numbers 21:6-9; Exodus 7:9-12, 20; Exodus 8:6, 9.

The ghost story in connection with the birth of Jesus, is most interesting. It is found in Matthew 1:18-25.

The miracle of feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish, and of having twelve baskets left over, is found in Matthew 14:15-21.

The miracle of raising Lazarus, is found in John 11:17-44.

I might quote hundreds of other verses in this connection, but this should be quite sufficient to prove that those who make a sort of fetish out of the Bible can believe almost anything.

The remarkable thing about it is, that the good church people can believe impossible things, provided they do not know who wrote them, nor when they were written. If the Bible had stated that Jonah swallowed the whale, instead of the whale swallowing Jonah, Christians could believe it quite as readily. The world would be far better off if we could live more in the present, and less in the dead past. Miracles never happen.

MORALITY

“The word ‘moral’ does not even occur in the Bible, nor even the idea.”—Remsburg.

The reader has been led, by easy stages, from simple contradictions, silly and absurd stories, unscientific statements, etc., to the most serious charge against the Bible. What has preceded, might be sufficient to remove the claim that it is the “Inspired word of God,” and that it is a “perfect book, without blemish,” but we must proceed further and prove to all honest, thinking men and women, that it is an immoral book. Whether the reader agrees with the writer or not, in all fairness to the subject, let me urge that the following pages be carefully examined. Where the Bible text is necessarily omitted, because of its vulgarity, reference to book, chapter and verse is given, for the convenience of the reader.

LYING

“And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And there came forth a spirit and stood before the Lord and said I will persuade him. I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, go forth, and do so.” I Kings 22:20-22.

“And if a prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet.” Ezekiel 14:9.

“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they shall believe a lie.” II Thessalonians 2:11.

“For in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (But the eating “thereof,” did not even give Adam a belly-ache.) Genesis 2:17. It appears that the serpent told the first truth in the Bible.

“And ye shall know my breach of promise.” Numbers 14:34.

“And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.” Genesis 20:2.

“And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.” Genesis 26:7.

“And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first born.” Genesis 27:19.

“And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the Lord by him, saying, shall I recover of this disease? So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the Lord hath shewed me that he shall surely die. (Big price to pay a medium for a wilful lie.) II Kings 8:15.

“And when he was alone, asked him about the parable. And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in parables: that seeing they may see and not perceive; and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted and their sins should be forgiven them.” (Nice doctrine from the “loving” Jesus.) Mark 4:10-12.

“But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.” II Corinthians 12:16.

“To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men. And this I do for the gospel’s sake.” I Corinthians 9:22-23.

“For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner.” Romans 3:7.

Bear in mind, reader, the above is only a small part of the Bible texts advocating lying, or offering a feeble excuse for so doing. And “verily, I say unto you,” the woods are full of pious liars unto this day.

CHEATING

“And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And

Esau said, Behold I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.” Genesis 25:30-33.

“And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban’s, and the stronger Jacob’s.” Genesis 30:41, 42. Indecent and impossible story.

“Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel’s furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched the tent, but found them not.” Genesis 31:34. Dirty trash to record in a “sacred” Bible. Read from the 25th verse to the 36th, if the whole story is required.

“And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels or silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.” Exodus 3:21, 22. This was the command of a “loving” God. The same command is repeated in the eleventh chapter. The twelfth chapter, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth verses, tell us the instructions were obeyed to the letter.

“Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien.” Deuteronomy 14:21. This is said to have been the command of the Lord God. All civilized countries have statute laws prohibiting such practice.

STEALING

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,” etc. “And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts,” etc. “And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, And levy a tribute unto the Lord.” Numbers 31:1, 11, 25, 28. Read the entire chapter; it is the most heartless thing in literature. And the Lord shared in the spoils.

“But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron are consecrated unto the Lord: and they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.” Joshua 6:19. The Lord again shares in the loot. Read the whole chapter. The church is still plundering the people.

“And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and he took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned.” I Samuel 27:9. David, the “man after God’s own heart,” was at the head of the worst band of murderers and highway robbers the world has ever known.

“When thou comest into thy neighbor’s vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own

pleasure; when thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbor, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand.” Deuteronomy 23:24, 25.

“Men do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry.” Proverbs 6:30.

“And of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.” (Enjoining submission to robbery.) Luke 6:30.

SLAVERY

“Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; Of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.” Leviticus 25:44, 45.

“If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve. If he come in by himself, he shall go out by himself. If he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out by himself.” Exodus 21:2, 3, 4. But if the servant declines to leave his family and tells the master that he loves them, then the master shall back him up against a door, or a post, and bore a hole through the servant’s ear, and he shall be his slave forever. Read the 5th and 6th verses.

“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. (Canaan had covered his father’s nakedness when he drunk.) “And he cursed Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” Genesis 9:24, 25.

“Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour.” I Timothy 6:1.

“Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again.” Titus 2:9.

“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling.” Ephesians 6:5.

“Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the forward.” I Peter 2:18.

“If a man smite his servant or his maid with a rod, and he die under his hand, he shall be surely punished. Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.” Exodus 21:20, 21.

Is it any wonder the clergy opposed the freeing of slaves in this country? Is it any wonder the clergy helped drag Mr. Garrison through the streets of Boston with a rope around his neck, when he advocated the freeing of the slaves? Is the Bible the word of God? If so, I will have nothing to do in common with such a God. Furthermore, I shall do all in my power, by voice and pen, to break the shackles

with which the church has enslaved the human intellect. The damnable influence of this "Inspired" Bible, has kept the world in mental slavery, and prevented intellectual development for thousands of years.

INTEMPERANCE

"And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, and thou shalt rejoice." Deuteronomy 14:26.

"Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." Proverbs 31:6, 7.

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake." I Timothy 5:23.

"Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart." Ecclesiastes 9:7.

"Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids." Zechariah 9:17.

"And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof." Amos 9:14.

"And wine that maketh glad the heart of man." Psalms 104:15.

"Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man." Judges 9:13.

"In the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the Lord for a drink offering." Numbers 28:7.

“And he will love thee, and bless thee, and thy wine.” Deuteronomy 7:13.

“And thy presses shall burst with new wine.” Proverbs 3:10.

“Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. The drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests and the Lord’s ministers mourn. Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the alter: come lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God. The drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. The vine is dried up.” Joel 1:5-13. (They must have suffered from some sort of Volstead drought or blight.)

“After that the Nazarite may drink wine.” Numbers 6:20.

“Bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.” Jeremiah 35:2.

“For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber.” Luke 7:33, 34.

Jesus turned water into wine for use at the marriage feast. John 2:1-11. It was a common practice for those partaking of the “Lord’s supper” to become intoxicated. I Corinthians 11:20-34.

VAGRANCY

“Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of heaven.” Luke 6:20.

“A rich man shall hardly enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:23.

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:25.

The disciples of Jesus were instructed to take no thought of the morrow; and they were to carry neither script nor purse. Preachers of today, however, have an eye to the “main chance.”

IGNORANCE

“But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it.” Genesis 2:17.

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Those who have too much sense to believe such unjust, unreasonable and impossible things are doomed.) Mark 16:16.

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” (Must have had some difficulty putting over the faith stuff.) Colossians 2:8.

“If any man think he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.” I Corinthians 7:2. This might very properly apply to those who “think” they know the Bible is the inspired word of God.

“In much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.” (Is this the reason Martin Luther advocated the burning of all school teachers?) Ecclesiastes 1:18.

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.” (If God wrote the Bible, this is easily understood—He was too ignorant to understand the “wisdom” of the world.) I Corinthians 3:19.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” Proverbs 1:17. (It is the beginning of slavery.)

“We are fools for Christ’s sake.” I Corinthians 4:10. (Who is to blame?)

“Bodily exercise profiteth little.” I Timothy 4:8. (If the clergy disregarded this text, there might be less immorality among members of their profession.)

“Be not religious overmuch, neither make thyself overwise,” is the sage advice of Solomon. And Solomon should know; he is said to have been the wisest of men; lived peacefully, so far as we know, with three hundred wives and seven hundred concubines. This is considered conclusive evidence of his wisdom, if not of his morality.

“I am the Lord that maketh all things; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish.” Isaiah 44:24, 25.

TYRANNY

“Submit to tyrants,” is the teaching of the Bible.

“There is no power but of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, . . . shall receive to themselves damnation.” Romans 13:1, 2.

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake; whether it be to the kind, as supreme.” I Peter 2:13.

“Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.” Exodus 21:24, 25.

Hundreds of texts might be quoted in this connection.

INTOLERANCE

“If thy brother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or thy wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods; thou shalt not consent unto him; neither shalt thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: but thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shalt be first upon him to death, and afterward the hand of the people.” Deuteronomy 13:6-9.

“Set thou a wicked man over him; and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become a sin.” Psalms 109:6, 7.

“But he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:16.

“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” Matthew 25:41.

“And these shall go way into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” Matthew 25:46.

“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.” II John 1:10.

“If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” Galatians 1:9.

“I would they were even cut off which trouble you.” Galatians 5:12.

This is the Christian spirit of many narrow minded bigots to this day. Dr. Paul Rader, “famous” Chicago evangelist, is reported to have said in an address at Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1922: “Evolutionists should face the firing squad. Had the American soldiers finished their task, come back to America, taken believers in evolution out of the colleges and slaughtered them, the world would be better off today. Yale, Harvard, Cornell—all universities—are full of ‘ivory tops’ and brass heads.” He should have said: “The Bible and the pulpit are full of sewer-gas, and intolerant fools.”

INJUSTICE TO WOMEN

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy

husband, and he shall rule over thee.” Genesis 3:16.

“And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.” Exodus 21:7.

Leviticus 12:18, is too filthy to repeat here. It deals with “purification” of women, and “circumcision.”

“When thou goest forth to war, . . . And see among the captives a beautiful woman. . . . Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails” (to keep her from scratching out her “husband’s” eyes, I suppose). The remainder of this story is “deleted.” Read Deuteronomy 21:10-14. The “Soldiers of the Lord” are still leading captive beautiful women, who have to “shave their heads, and trim their nails,” as a mark of submission to a most damnable system.

What does the reader think of God’s divorce law? Read Deuteronomy 24:1.

“Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; and, behold, if the daughters of Shilo come out to dance in the dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shilo, and go to the land of Benjamin.” Judges 21:21. Read the rest of the story.

“Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy

neighbor, and he shall" (remainder of the verse too bad for any book except the Bible). II Samuel 12:11.

"Their children shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives"—(deleted). Isaiah 13:16.

"Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood with the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows." Jeremiah 18:21.

"I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women"—(You can find the rest of the verse in the Bible.) Zechariah 14:2.

Matthew 19:9-12, records a bit of interesting conversation, supposed to have taken place between Jesus and his disciples. It will not be repeated here.

The seventh chapter of I Corinthians, is on the use of marriage, etc. The whole chapter is vulgar.

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." I Corinthians 14:34, 35. The old bachelor, Paul, had many queer ideas. His teachings were constantly used by the clergy in their fight against the rights of women. Infidels, Freethinkers, and Spiritualists, were the first champions of the cause of women.

“Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their husbands in everything.” Ephesians 5:24.

“Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.” I Timothy 2:11-14. A man is a fool who thinks he can keep a woman from talking. And most any woman can talk better sense than men of Paul’s type.

Peter, the old stumbling “rock,” gives a little advice to the women in I Peter 3:1-6. “Be in subjection to your husbands, do not plait the hair, wear ornaments or put on apparel,” is some of his advice.

Honest, what does the reader think of this “Inspired” idea of women?

UNKINDNESS TO CHILDREN

“Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.” Proverbs 23:14.

“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.” Proverbs 22:15.

“The rod and reproof give wisdom.” Proverbs 29:15.

“Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him,” etc. “And all men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die.” Deuteronomy 21:16, 19, 21.

“Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes.” Isaiah 13:16.

“I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children,” etc. Leviticus 26:22.

“And Nathan departed unto his house. And the Lord struck the child, . . . and it was very sick. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died.” II Samuel 12:15, 18.

“There came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.” II Kings 2:23, 24. Elisha must have been very sensitive about his bald head. I once heard a preacher say the Lord did the proper thing in sending the bears to destroy the children, and that he would like to see the same thing happen again—Possibly some little girl or boy may have called him a “sky pilot.”

“I the Lord am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.” Exodus 20:5.

“Their infants shall be dashed to pieces and their women with (deleted) shall be ripped up.” Hosea 13:16.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

“And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the Lord be of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or of young pigeons. And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off its head,” etc., etc. Leviticus 1:10-17. The third chapter gives further instruction regarding methods of sacrificing the flocks and herds.

On one occasion, Asa sacrificed seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. David made an offering of one thousand bullocks and two thousand sheep. At the dedication of the temple (which was never built) Solomon is said to have sacrificed one hundred and forty two thousand (142,000) domestic animals. I do not believe a word of it.

“If a bird’s nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young. But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; and that thou mayest prolong thy days.” Deuteronomy 22:6, 7. I wonder what God thinks of our laws prohibiting such practices in this country.

WITCHCRAFT

“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.” Exodus 22:18.

“A man also for a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.” Leviticus 20:27.

These damnable texts, born in the jealous, selfish and cruel minds of self-constituted priests and prophets, or seers, were promulgated for the purpose of monopolizing the fortune-telling business, in that age of ignorance and superstition, and have been responsible for the most cruel torture, and death of

more than eight million innocent men, women and children. “Loving God!” “Inspired Bible!” Impossible!

If the woman of Endor was a “witch,” then Huldah, who passed upon the authenticity of the Bible for Josiah, was a witch.” II Kings 22:8-15; II Chronicles 34:18-24.

HUMAN SACRIFICE

“Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the Lord of all that he hath, both of man and of beast, and of the field of his possessions, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord. None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.” Leviticus 27:28, 29. And this is the law of God!

“Then the spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord’s, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.”

Jephthah was victor in the battle with the children of Ammon; the Lord delivered them into his hands, and upon his return to his house, his daughter, his only child came out to meet him. “And he did with

her according to his vow. And it was a custom in Israel.” For the full account of this case of human sacrifice, read, Judges 11:29-40.

“And he said, Take now thy son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering.” Genesis 22:2. However, God changed his mind in time to save the life of young Isaac, but not in time to cleanse the “Ostermore.”

“Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the Lord. And they hanged them in the hill before the Lord.” II Samuel 21:6-9.

If we do not believe this, the church will call us infidels. The church may call me anything, and I refuse to believe.

CANNIBALISM

“And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.” Leviticus. 26:29.

“And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee.” Deuteronomy 28:53-57.

“This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow. So we boiled my son, and did eat him.” II Kings 6:26-29.

“And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons, and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend.” Jeremiah 19:9.

“The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children; they have their meet in the destruction of the daughters of my people.” Lamentations 4:10.

“Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat the fathers.” Ezekiel 5:10.

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in ye.” John 6:53.

“His Holy Word,” “Sacred Scripture,” “Inspired Word,” “The Word of God.” How do you like it by this time?

MURDER AND WAR

“And he looked this way, and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.” Exodus 2:12.

“Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.” Exodus 32:27.

“And they warred against his midianites, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. And the children of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? Kill every male among

the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by—(deleted)—. But all the woman children, that have not known a man by—(deleted)—, keep alive for yourselves.” Numbers 31:7-18. Read the whole chapter.

“Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places. For I have given you the land to possess it.” Numbers 33:52, 53. Sounds like “Me and Got.”

A man was found gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. “And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death, all the congregation shall stone him. They stoned him with stones, and he died.” Numbers 15:32-36.

The Lord speaking to Aaron, said: “This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven. And he took all the cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the little ones, and the women, of every city, we left none to remain.” Deuteronomy 2:25, 34.

“And we smote him until none was left to him remaining.” Read Deuteronomy 3:3-6.

“And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eyes shall have no pity upon them.” Deuteronomy 7:16.

“Of the cities which the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.” Deuteronomy 20:16, 17.

Joshua 6:2-21 relates the fall and sacking of Jericho.

Joshua 8:18-28 gives us the account of the taking of Ai.

Joshua 10: describes the destruction of many places, all by the command of “The Lord thy God.”

Judges 3:15-20 describes the nauseating details of the murder of Eglon, king of Moab, by Ehud. “The Lord raised up this” murderer.

“Now go smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.” I Samuel 15:3.

II Kings 9:23-35 gives us a number of “Thus saith the Lord,” murders. The tenth chapter tells of the murder of seventy sons of Ahab, and that their heads were put in baskets. “And the Lord said unto Jehu, because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.” 30th verse.

“Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.” Jeremiah 48:10.

“Slay utterly old and young, both maids and little children, and women.” Ezekiel 9:6.

“Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.” Psalms 144:1.

The above quotations from the Old Testament, are only a few out of the many hundreds which might be used. However, they are quite sufficient to prove that this part of the “Holy Bible,” is largely a murder and war record of the “Chosen people of God.” But, after forty years of study, I am inclined to believe that not all the lies in this book are true. The Jews may not have been as bad as they are pictured. Let us hope so, at least.

Let us now turn to the New Testament and learn what the “Prince of Peace” has to say on this subject.

“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.” Matthew 10:34.

“I am come to set man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother,” etc. Matthew 10:35, 36, 37.

“Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay, but rather division.” Luke 12:51.

“I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled.” Luke 12:49.

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:16.

“If any man come to me and hate not his father, and his mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26.

“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” Matthew 25:41.

Does the Bible condone and teach war and murder? Religious fanatics, and hard hearted brutes of history, have all found their positions fortified from this unholy source.

Three million lost their lives in a futile attempt to rescue a tomb from the Mosselmen. Ten million were slain during the Inquisition. Fourteen million were slain in Christian wars of the nineteenth century. Thirty million lost their lives in wars between Christian nations during the first two decades of the twentieth century.

Wars, tyranny and oppression of Christian nations, since the days of Constantine, have caused the death of more than 200,000,000 people. Let us scrap the cause of war before we scrap the implements of war.

“Mark Twain” said, near the close of the last century, in speaking of what it had to offer the twentieth: “I bring you the stately matron named Christendom, bedraggled, besmirched and dishonored; with her

soul full of bigotry and meanness, her pockets full of boodle and her mouth full of pious hypocrites. Give her soap and a towel, but hide the looking-glass."

We "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." We arrest and confine in our prisons, a few scattering pigmies who preach their doctrine of sedition and anarchy, while we actually encourage, the one great menace to society and civilization, viz., the Christian Bible and the religious system of graft, bigotry, ignorance and superstition. Religions, which have been founded upon mythology, ignorance and superstition of the ignorant past, have ever been a millstone about the necks of people to retard intellectual progress.

A religion which agrees with science, and which appeals to reason, is the greatest need of the hour. A religion, upon whose teachings all races and nations can unite. A religion which will displace the horrible dogmas of an angry God and eternal punishment. A religion which will remove the pious hierarchical aristocracy, that live by systematically plucking the pockets of their ignorant subjects, of billions of dollars annually. A religion which will relegate to the limbo of the dead past, the war God of the Jews, and the mythical character, upon whose "blood" floats the antiquated bark of Christianity.

Purgatories and hells below,
Saint's asylums and heavens above,
Revengeful gods and devils, must go,
To make room for a religion of love.

POLYGAMY

Read Deuteronomy 21:15-17; 23:2, 25:5; II Samuel 12:7, 8. Abraham had two wives; Esau had two wives; Gideon had many wives; David had a score of wives; Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred concubines. Many texts could be quoted to prove that polygamy was taught and practiced in Bible times. Most of these scripture passages are too vulgar to repeat here.

ADULTERY AND OBSCENITY

The reader of mature years, is requested to read all the Bible references given under this subject. But keep them away from the children.

Genesis 9:21; 38:13-26; 19:30-36. Leviticus 15:16-33. Deuteronomy 22:14-16; 23:1-18. Judges 14:18; 16:1-3; 19:1-30. Exodus 1:15-20. II Samuel 6:20. I Kings 1:4; 14:10. II Kings 9:8; 18:27. Job 3:10, 11, 12; 31:9-11; 31:15; 40:16, 17. Psalms 22:10. Proverbs 7:6-22; 23:27; 30:20. Ecclesiastes 4:11; 11:5. Isaiah 3:17; 20:2-4; 26:18; 47:2. Solomon 1:13; 2:6; 7:1, 2, 3. Ezekiel 4:9-12 (God's bread recipe); 16:7-37; 20:26. Hosea 1:2, 3; 3:1, 2; 4:12-14; 9:1, 13:16. And we are told this is the "Word of God."

CONCLUSION

This is the Bible many of our well-meaning, but ignorant, narrow and bigoted Christian friends, would have taught in the Public Schools of America. This is the Bible preacher and priest would have us accept as the “holy” and “inspired” word of God. This is the Bible they would have us send our children to church and Sunday school to study.

The texts quoted and referred to, are found in the Authorized Version, of King James Bible, as it is commonly known. The preface to this Bible begins with a wilful and deliberate lie, by stating that the book was translated “out of the original tongues”; when, as a matter of fact, the diseased, drunken and most disreputable monarch that ever ruled over England, King James, purchased this copy of the Bible from the Frober Printery of Hamberg, Germany, for 7,200 pounds. The commission appointed by King James, did not “translate it out of the original tongues,” but “translated” it from the German.

The whole fabric of the Christian religion is a crazy-patch-work of legends and falsehoods. The so-called “Holy Bible” has been responsible for a “holy” hell on earth, for the past seventeen hundred years. Christian wars, during this period, have resulted in the death of 200,000,000 people. And the end is not yet; until we dethrone the war god of the

Bible, and force the standing army of 200,000 preachers and priests in America to seek "other fields of labor," we may expect wars.

God is not a selfish, sensual being,
To be supplicated, coaxed and cajoled
By a dominant clergy's pleading,
To bless, or damn, as he is told.

From the testimony evinced herein, does it seem proper or right, that some \$5,000,000,000 worth of church property in this country should be exempted from taxation? Such class favoritism encourages bigotry, ignorance and superstition; and adds \$100,000,000 taxes, annually, to those who possess taxable property. The churches of America expend each year, approximately \$1,000,000,000 for upkeep, salaries, missions, real estate, buildings, parochial schools, publications, etc. It would seem more consistent, if this sum was turned into the treasury of the United States, to help liquidate the war debt, and to care for those disabled in wars, for which theology, more than any other cause, was responsible.

Notwithstanding the fact that nearly fifty million people in this country are still under the hypnotic influence of the clergy, there are indications that the "leading strings" are breaking. The knowledge that Nature's laws are omnipotent, omnipresent and immutable, will kill the gods and devils of mythology. And the knowledge that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's Laws, will shortly give us a religion of common sense. Per-

sonal responsibility, will replace the immoral doctrine of "Vicarious Atonement." Faith will be supplanted by positive knowledge of our spiritual natures and responsibilities.

Students of history have learned of the mythological origin of the Christian Bible. They have discovered that there have been twenty-seven so-called sacred books, or Bibles. They have learned of forty-seven gods and sixteen so-called crucified saviors. They have learned of thirty-six so-called holy men, said to have been born of virgins. They have learned that the Bible is largely a plagiarized edition of other so-called Bibles or sacred books of other religions. They have learned that the Christian Church is founded upon pious fables which have survived to this date, because, persecution by the bigoted "Klansmen" of this "Invisible Empire" have kept the world in ignorance of the truth, and made it extremely dangerous for any one to do his own thinking. The Bible has "stood the test" for seventeen hundred years of Christian warfare, because, in a large measure, the church has succeeded in keeping the world in ignorance and because of the terrible persecutions administered to those who dared to deny its authority.

Very few Christians read the Bible, or study it in the light of reason. Blind-folded, they are lead through the vast labyrinth of mythical theologies, by the guiding hand of preacher and priest; self constituted vicars of a "voodoo" god, whose bread, butter

and social position depends upon their success in hood-winking the people.

Many Christians are excellent people; they are good in spite of their creeds, and not because of them. Many clergymen honestly *believe* the creeds and dogmas they teach. They do not *think* they are true, for they do not *think*. They never ask questions regarding the absurdity and unreasonableness of theology. Such men were born without a single interrogation point in their religious natures.

History proves, conclusively, that intellectual development, knowledge, social and moral conditions, advances or recedes in inverse ratio to religion. The church has bitterly opposed every reform, every scientific discovery, and all knowledge considered incompatible with the teachings of the Bible. The church opposed science; it opposed general education; it opposed temperance; it opposed freeing the slaves; it opposed woman's suffrage and every reform calculated to benefit mankind. However, it has been forced to retreat from each position, and when religion has lost all its authority, the world will be "A fit place to live in."

Error can never be right, no matter how much it is sugar-coated with pious hypocrisies, faith or fables. And before the stately mansion of TRUTH can be erected in the world, it will be necessary to raze the "House of Mystery," and dig down to the solid rock of knowledge to lay its foundations. The catacombs of ignorance and superstition, in which are

interred the gods, devils and holy-ghosts of mythology, must be invaded and its caverns lighted up with the truths of science. The telescope of science and the search-light of truth, must be turned toward the traditional heaven of dogmatic theology; where sits enthroned, the pagan, mythological, hierarchical aristocracy of the kingdom of ignorance.

Truth is iconoclastic. Its mission is to replace error and false traditions, break the image of theocraticomythological theologies, or store them in the museum of dead faiths and outgrown religions.

The good that is found in the religions of today will not be destroyed. The debris of worthless material will, finally, all be cleared away, but that which is found to be scientifically sound and useful, will be retained and used in the grand structure of a religion, able to prove and demonstrate its teachings.

A scientific religion, based upon demonstrated facts and which will appeal to thinking men and women of the world, will revolutionize social and political conditions, and make wars impossible. Such a condition is devoutly to be wished for, and the duty of all to strive for. The head-land of this Utopia can be seen in the distance, but we are not ready to "possess the land." Much preparation and education will be necessary before we reach that exalted state in the process of evolution, when we shall "Conduct ourselves toward others as we would have them act toward us." *O si sic omnia.*

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